

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner issued an election of species requirement, concluding that the application included claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species 1 (as depicted in Fig. 1);

Species 2 (as depicted in Fig. 2); and

Species 3 (as depicted in Fig. 3).

In response, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species 1 (as depicted in Fig. 1). Claims 16-18, 22-26, 28 and 29 read on the elected species. Claims 16, 22-24, 26, 28 and 29 are generic. Applicant notes that in the Office Action Summary the Examiner indicated that claims 1-15 were pending in the application. This is inaccurate. Claims 1-15 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed on February 21, 2006.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 18-0160, Order No. AAT-16540.

Respectfully submitted,

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